



Are You Looking for a New Home or to Remodel your Existing Home in the Shingle Creek Neighborhood?

Need a \$1,000? \$2,500, \$5,000 for new

furnace, windows, bathroom, roof?

Consider using the

SCNA Home Improvement Loan Program!

SCNA homeowners are eligible for low or no interest rates for home improvement loans. Every repaid loan helps us to be able to do more to improve our community!

The minimum loan is \$1,000!

Contact Brenda Yaritz at 612-335-5891 Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for more details on what projects qualify!

SCNA Calendar

All meetings are open to the public and are held at Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave N unless otherwise stated

Tuesday, October 11, SCNA Board Meeting 6:30pm

Come meet your neighbors! All meetings are Open to the Public. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Creekview Haunted House

Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29, 7-9:30pm

Monday, October 31, 6-8:30pm

(see details on pg 1)

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Tree Care Tips

Our urban forest took a beating this summer with the tornado and emerald ash borers. Here are some tips to help preserve your trees and property investments.



When to Prune:

Don't prune in April, May and June!

This is the time of year when trees deplete their energy reserves and put most of it into new leaves. Pruning at this time places the energy that has been moved into branches, twigs and leaves onto the burn pile or into a landfill. This practice places the tree in a stressed state, with an energy deficit that may not be completely recovered in that season.

This is an active time of year for many disease and fungal pathogens (Oak wilt for example). The warm spring months of April, May, and June typically bring high humidity from spring rains and these factors provide an ideal environment for diseases to flourish.

Don't prune in late autumn into early winter

Pruning in late autumn and early winter can lead to winter injury. The pruning wounds may not have time to "harden off" or prepare for winter. This can lead to deeper freezing in the tissues around the wound and in essence a larger wound can be created that the tree will have difficulty dealing with.

Summer months and late winter or dormant season is the "best" time to prune.

During the late winter months (February and March), harmful pathogens are at a minimum, mostly inactive; therefore, this is a safe pruning environment from that standpoint. During this season, deciduous trees have hardened off and when the growing season begins the wounds will be sealed and the callusing process will begin. (<http://www.mntrees.org/treecare.cfm>)

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Best Haunted House in Camden is at Creekview Park!

It's the 10th year anniversary of the Creekview Park Haunted House!

We are looking forward to another year of scaring all of you!!

Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29, 7-9:30pm

Monday, October 31, 6-8:30pm

\$5 - for 6+, \$3 - 5 and younger

Creekview Rec Center, 5001 Humboldt Ave N, for more information call 612-370-4965.

City Council begins 2012 City budget consideration

The Mayor and Council have begun the process to finalize a budget for 2012. On Sept. 22 the City Council will begin budget hearings to consider Mayor R.T. Rybak budget proposal. Budget hearings will continue through mid-November, with final approval of the 2012 budget scheduled for Dec. 14. Two public hearings will also be held before the budget's approval, offering you a chance to comment.

The Mayor's proposed budget calls for no property tax levy increase in 2012.cont'd on pg 2

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Minneapolis historic places competing for \$1 million in preservation grants

Nine historic places in Minneapolis are competing for \$1 million in preservation grants through a new program from American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20 voting polls opened for **Partners in Preservation**, a community-based program that will bring a total of \$1 million in preservation grants to historic places in the Minneapolis Saint Paul area. Local residents and people around the country are encouraged to vote for their favorite historic places from a diverse list of 25 sites from around the metro area that have been selected to participate in the Facebook voting contest at www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation.

People who "Like" [Partners in Preservation](#) on Facebook can vote once per day through Oct. 12, as well as post personal stories and share photos. The historic place that receives the most votes will be guaranteed its full grant request, up to \$125,000, with the balance of the \$1 million being distributed to the remaining sites based on recommendations from an advisory committee composed of civic and preservation leaders in collaboration with the American Express Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Of the 25 sites that were selected, nine are located in Minneapolis. The sites are:

- American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis
- Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis
- Emerge Career and Technology Center (Old North Branch Library), Minneapolis
- Harriet Tubman Center East (Former Saint Paul's Monastery), Minneapolis
- Hennepin Center for the Arts, Minneapolis
- Mill Ruins Park, Minneapolis
- Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis
- Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery, Minneapolis
- The Soap Factory, Minneapolis
- Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Belle Plaine
- Chaska Athletic Park, Chaska
- Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, Fridley
- Historic Pilot Knob, Mendota Heights
- Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, Saint Paul
- C.S.P.S. Sokol Hall, Saint Paul
- Fitzgerald Theater, Saint Paul
- James J. Hill House, Saint Paul

- Landmark Center, Saint Paul
- Minnesota State Fair Grandstand, Saint Paul
- Minnesota Transportation Museum (Jackson Street Roundhouse), Saint Paul
- Pilgrim Baptist Church, Saint Paul
- Washington County Historic Courthouse, Stillwater
- Fort Snelling Upper Post, Building 67, Unincorporated Hennepin County
- Waterford Iron Bridge, Waterford Township
- Wayzata Depot, Wayzata

American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation used specific criteria to select the 25 diverse historic places participating, including their historic significance, accessibility to the public, demonstration of community support, organizational excellence and evidence of a coherent and sustainable preservation plan.

Open Houses will be held the weekend of Oct. 8-9 at all 25 sites, providing the community an opportunity to tour and learn more about each of the historic places. Hours, special activities and additional information can be found on the [Partners in Preservation website](#).

The Twin Cities is the sixth region to host the Partners in Preservation program and receive funding from American Express. The program previously made grants for preservation projects in the Seattle-Puget Sound area, San Francisco Bay area, Chicagoland, New Orleans and Greater Boston.

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20110920PreservationGrants.asp>

City Council Budget cont'd from pg 1

For a budget process calendar, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/city-budget. All budget hearings will be broadcast live on City cable channel 79.

Public hearing on tax levy and 2012 City budget

• Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

• Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:05 p.m.
City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, room 317

For more information on the Mayor's proposed 2012 budget, visit the Mayor's Office Web page at www.minneapolismn.gov/mayor.

Sept. 22, 2011
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20110922CityBudgetDiscussions.asp>



Guo Gai, Meng Tang and Slinko

When: Sundays and Saturdays : 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
(ends October 23)

Price: Free

[Soap Factory](#)

514 2nd St. S.E.

Minneapolis, MN 55414 612-623-9176

http://www.soapfactory.org/exhibit.php?content_id=321

Carl Kroening Interpretive Center Activities

Free Family Fun Day: Home on the Loam - Soil

Ongoing. What does peat feel like? How does sand look under the microscope? What little creatures live in the dirt? Explore soil by visiting activity stations and digging a hole!
October 2, 1-3pm

Small Mammals of Minnesota

Mice and shrews and voles, oh my! Discover the difference between a vole and a mole, find out which Minnesota mammal has a venomous bite, and explore the lives of our smallest furred animals. To make this an unique experience, this class includes an optional session, which occurs the evening before on Tuesday, October 4 from 6:30-7:30 PM when participants can help bait and set out live traps to catch animals for the class to see the next day. We'll also examine skulls and skeletons, search the park for signs of small mammals, and find out just how important these creatures are to our world. Reservations required. Adults must accompany children. Wednesday, 10-5-2011, 9-11am
<http://www.threeriversparks.org> or

Hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Mon-Sat; Noon-5:00 PM Sun
Phone: 763.694.7693

Address: 4900 Mississippi Court
Minneapolis, MN 55430



Lub caij hais dabneeg Hmoob/World Language Storytime:Hmong [Webber Park Library](#)

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 29, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19, 2-2:30 p.m.

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For children age 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes and music in Hmong.

Funding provided by a grant to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library from the Comcast Foundation

WAMdemonium!



When: October 2 : 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
[Weisman Art Museum](#)
333 East River Road
Minneapolis, MN 55455 612-625-9494
Price: Free
Event Phone: 612-625-9494
<https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=263616460318666>